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Dear Larry,

This got lost in the stack on and around my desk, Sorry. I've been pushing as best I can to complete the draft of the epilogue to Post Mortem in the event the consultation tomorrow ends in a recommendation for surgery on the thumb. If that is the decision, I will have it done as soon as possible. I would then, I presume, not be able to use the left hand for a while and I've not about 20,000 words that the right alone can edit.

Had another letter from Jimmie. He persists in saying he made no effort to escape.

With what I've been able to arrange, put together and compel, this is a helluva story of corruption, accross the board.

There is nothing left of Lattimer. But if your gal comes up with some gilding, I have a lily waiting. However, I do have some of the answers I was hoping she'd be able to get. He is like pushing buttons.

Best regards,